

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Stuart A. MacVean President and Chief Executive Officer Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC Savannah River Site/Building 730-1B, Room 333 Aiken, South Carolina 29808

Dear Mr. MacVean:

This letter serves as notification of the Office of Enterprise Assessments' Office of Enforcement's decision to conduct an investigation of a potential violation of 10 C.F.R. Part 851 identified in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Hearings and Appeals case number WBR-17-0001, issued on February 23, 2017, regarding a complaint of retaliation filed by a Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) employee.

The Office of Enforcement will conduct this investigation pursuant to the authority set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 851.40(a), *Investigations and inspections*. The investigation will include an onsite visit and interviews with contractor personnel.

A request for documents to support this investigation will be provided separately via e-mail. Your cooperation to ensure timely submission of all documents to our office by the requested date is appreciated.

Under the Major Fraud Act (MFA), as amended, 41 U.S.C. § 4310, this investigation may be a proceeding commenced by the United States that relates to a violation of, or the failure to comply with, a Federal regulation. Costs incurred in connection with such a proceeding are subject to the reimbursement restrictions of the MFA implemented at 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47. As a result, SRNS should track any costs incurred that are directly attributable to supporting the DOE's investigation, subsequent to receipt of this letter, and separate them from other potentially allowable costs.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 903-7707 or your staff may contact Dr. Anthony Pierpoint, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Simonson

Director

Office of Enforcement

Office of Enterprise Assessments

cc: Jack Craig, DOE-SR Robert Martini, SRNS